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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1993 AT 6:00 P.M. IN AD-131, LOYOLA CAMPUS

Documents Considered:

BD-D1: Report of the V.P. Academic
BD-D2: Report of the V.P. Services
BD-D3: Memo Re: Consitution Advisory Board

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Geoff Dubrow, called this meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

PRESENT

CO-PRESIDENTS
Philip Dalton
Lana Grimes

COMMERCE
Kristina Bolh
Marc Fares (6:35 p.m.)
Andrea Fernandez

ARTS AND SCIENCE
Allan Feldman
Genevieve Grenier
Shafik Mina
Stacy Schacter

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FINE ARTS
Jonathan Carruthers

ENGINEERING
Shadi Khader
Andrew Kennedy
Len Podgurny (6:45 p.m.)

ABSENT

Arts and Science: Nada Al-Yazdi, Maha Asfour, Pascale Batchoun, Ken Blackburn (w/r), Marilyne Boyer, Helen Ora Cohen (w/r), Wissam Jawad (w/r), Ken McMurray, Thomas Moll, Laurie Nicholson (w/r), Christine Vieira (w/r)

Commerce: Emmanuel Kamukama

Fine Arts: Jonathan Asencio, Aimée Darcel

3.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda of the 151st meeting be approved.

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: G. Grenier

The chair stated that there are amendments to the agenda, mainly that agenda item 8.4 is deleted and item 8.3 becomes item 8.4.

A. Feldman asked for the addition of an opening poem, under item 3.1. There were no objections to this request.

VOTE ON MOTION **UNANIMOUS**

3.1 OPENING POEM

A. Feldman read his opening poem titled Ode to the Board.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Minutes of the 149th meeting held on 04/11/93**

MOTION TO TABLE

Moved by: K. Bolh
Seconded by: G. Grenier

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE **UNANIMOUS**

5.0 CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The chair stated that he has gotten sufficient feedback from directors favouring timelimits and added that he will be informally enforcing timelimits.

6.0 REPORTS

6.1 Co-Presidents

L. Grimes stated that preoccupation is focused with the construction of the CUSA Centre Inc. project which is winding to a close and added that final orders on equipment are being placed. She added that coordination of the opening of the centre is scheduled for January 15th, 1994.

L. Grimes stated that the centre is coming in slightly overbudget due to work on structure.

L. Grimes stated that the Co-Presidents met with the university regarding the master agreement and are being very diligent and careful to ensure that all areas are encompassed in the master agreement.

L. Grimes stated that negotiations with the union are still taking place.

L. Grimes stated that the Co-Presidents met with the university with regards to the issue of a lease for the Mezzanine whereby the university would charge CUSA rent for the space and added that they managed to do away from that concept.

L. Grimes stated that the Co-Presidents and the V.P. Finance met with Revenue Quebec to determine how much is owed and added that the best that the association can hope for is that interest and penalties for a certain period might be relieved. She added that the Co-Presidents also met with Xerox to determine what will be done with the issue of the photocopiers.

A. Feldman asked for a brief on CUSAcorp. P. O'Connor stated that he has been occupied with the Hive and getting the equipment repaired. He added that Reggies will be moving downstairs and that not much is being done with that area for the moment. Paul stated that tomorrow there will be the grand opening of the Hive and next Friday the grand closing of Reggies will take place.

6.2 EXECUTIVES

- **V.P. Academic**

M. Giles stated that she was ratified to sit on the Faculty Curriculum committee. She added that work on the students bill of rights is progressing nicely and added that a workable documents will be ready by February.

M. Giles stated that with the issue of the GPA, whereby a letter grade should be converted to a number grade, is being looked into closely and added that the university is under the impression that students are not interested in this issue.

- **V.P. Finance**

A. Brousseau stated that he has been meeting with Xerox, beer companies, and suppliers to settle past and present issues.

- **V.P. Information & Liaison**

F. Khader stated that he has been preoccupied with administrative tasks.

L. Podgurny asked to know how CUSA Today is coming along. L. Grimes stated that work on CUSA Today will resume in January.

- **V.P. Administration & Student Life**

L. Grimes stated that the role of the last meeting of C.C.S.L. was to set the tone for the agenda for the year for C.C.S.L. for the students. She added that in an informal manner the direction of C.C.S.L. was discussed at this meeting.

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Duplication of Academic Associations

Motion 628

BE IT RESOLVED THAT effective immediately, the CUSA Board of Directors ratify and fund no more than one academic association per department/college/autonomous programme as outlined in the most recent version of the University Academic Calendar, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any department/college/autonomous programme having more than one academic association be asked to consolidate into one group, and that the deadline for this consolidation be March 31, 1994.

Moved by: L. Grimes
Seconded by: G. Grenier

L. Grimes stated that this motion was proposed by director K. McMurray to discourage academic associations from breaking up.

S. Schacter asked to know how this motion would work if two associations do not want to merge. A. Feldman

replied that no conflicts exist presently and added that if CUSA passes a formal resolution it will eliminate any problems from arising.

P. Dalton stated that this motion is a good idea and added that he is in favour of it. He added that A. Ghaemi supported this motion and asked for the Board to look into this issue.

(Time: 7:05 p.m.)

L. Podgurny stated that an academic association represents the students in the department and is more of a representative body than a social body. He added that there is no real need for an academic association to move out and become a social group.

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

Moved by: L. Grimes
Seconded by: K. Bolh

VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION **UNANIMOUS**

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7.2 Implementation of Article 5.5 g) of the Constitution

Motion 629

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the directors in each faculty work together to take responsibility for their faculty constituency meetings on a regular basis.

Moved by: L. Grimes
Seconded by: G. Grenier

L. Grimes stated that the original motion on this issue was too convoluted but that she felt that it still had to be dealt with. Lana stated that directors are representative to students and suggested setting up constituency meetings and added that this motion is more feasible for directors to work with.

L. Podgurny stated that directors should maintain contact with the students they are representing. He suggested constituency meetings be held at least once a month to be in touch with student needs.

A. Kennedy stated this motion will raise awareness for engineering students and the role they have with CUSA.

A. Feldman asked to know how this motion applies to article 5.5 g) of the constitution. L. Grimes replied that it does not directly apply to article 5.5 g). P. Dalton stated that this motion groups the students in each faculty with the directors that represent them, as a liaison to hold their constituency meetings.

VOTE ON MOTION UNANIMOUS

7.3 **Ratification of the Assistant Vice President Information**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Shannah Segal be ratified as the Assistant Vice President Information & Systems Support for a term of office from September 6, 1993-March 31st 1994 at a salary of $7,500.00.

Moved by: L. Grimes
Seconded by: P. Dalton

L. Grimes stated that S. Segal was hired in the summer on a Challenge Grant position and added that she was an excellent troubleshooter in the office. She added that her work was too valuable to the association and decided to keep her employment active. Lana stated that S. Segal's employment became an issue with the union and suggested to the Board that by ratifying her as Assistant V.P. Information & Systems Support it will forego any further conflicts which may arise with the union.

L. Grimes stated that S. Segal's work entails a lot of communication and informational releases in addition to compiling all the payroll information and assisting in all areas when required to do so. She added that her salary can be justified in the budget and stated that beginning in January she will also be the Secretary of the Board.

L. Grimes stated that S. Segal's duties will entail booking and organizing constituency meetings, looking after the archives which need to be attended to, coordinating press conferences and interviews, assisting with CUSA Today, and standardizing the association's letterhead.

P. Dalton stated that S. Segal has assisted in all areas of the office and has shown herself to be above reproach and trustworthy.

L. Grimes stated that she is asking the Board for their endorsement on S. Segal's position and that it be retroactive to the date she undertook this position, that being September 6, 1993.

J. Carruthers stated that this is a complex job description and added that perhaps S. Segal could work on releasing a list of physical resources available for the student body.

VOTE ON MOTION 12/0/1 CARRIED

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 **Amendment to the 1993-94 CUSA Budget**

WHEREAS most of the arguments regarding the budget were in the area of salaries to the Co-

Presidents and the Vice-Presidents;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the salary for the Co-Presidents be set at $13,000.00 for the 1993-94 year, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the salary for the Vice-Presidents be set at $8,000.00 for the 1993-94 year.

S. Mina stated that he would like this motion brought up at the next meeting of the Board.

MOTION TO TABLE

Moved by: S. Mina
Seconded by: J. Carruthers

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE UNANIMOUS

8.2 **Motion to Approve Bank Loan**

Motion 630

WHEREAS the Board of Directors authorized the Co-Presidents and the Vice President (Finance) to seek financing for CUSA Inc.'s debt, according to the details of the motion passed at the Board of Director's meeting held on November 24th, 1993;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors approve the terms outlined in the "TERM SHEET" as faxed from the Bank of Nova Scotia to CUSA on November 29, 1993, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT these terms are subject to negotiation as the Co-Presidents and the V.P. (Finance) may recommend, however this does not change the Board's approval of the current terms.

Moved by: L. Grimes
Seconded by: P. Dalton

P. Dalton stated that this motion will allow the financial situation to get better.

A. Feldman stated that he is concerned that in future years the association will be burdened with paying back this loan. P. Dalton replied that it is impossible for the association to pay back the debt in one year and added that the pressure will be put on CUSAcorp to generate revenue to pay back the loan.

A. Brousseau stated that a deficit already exists due to having to pay back creditors and added that this administration has only spent approximately $100,000.00 for the current fiscal year.

L. Grimes stated that she is not comfortable with this measure but that there is no other option to take. She added that the Board has to be optimistic with the agreement that it will bind CUSAcorp to with CUSA. Lana stated that next September when the loan payment is withdrawn from the account it will not have an immediate impact on the day to day operations and added that it will be CUSAcorp's revenue that will replenish what was depleted in September. L. Grimes concluded by saying that if CUSAcorp is not capable of generating revenue, it will have to be sold or closed down.

VOTE ON MOTION 12/0/1 CARRIED

Motion 631

WHEREAS the Security terms of the loan require that the University be authorized and directed to retain the annual payment from CUSA Inc. and remit same to the lender directly no later than September 30;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors request that the University pay, according to the terms of the loan, the annual payments directly to the Bank. The funds for these payments will be retained from the fees collected, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the parties, that is to say CUSA Inc., Concordia University and the Bank of Nova Scotia, enter into a Memorandum of agreement which includes these resolutions and which will remain in effect for the duration of the loan.

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: L. Grimes

P. Dalton stated that the bank is seeking a guarantee for the loan and added that the university would guarantee the loan by taking fees directly in September to make loan payments.

VOTE ON MOTION UNANIMOUS

8.3 Judicial Board Appointments

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Jihad Obeid, Artemis Berberi, Lisa Grill, Lydia Kulish, and Terry Stechysin be appointed to the Judicial Board effective immediately for a term of office to expire on May 31st, 1994.

Moved by: L. Grimes
Seconded by: S. Khader

L. Grimes stated that a group of directors conducted the interviews and are recommending five (5) students for their

ratification, namely the above. She added that there still remains one (1) vacant seat.
L. Podgurny asked to know how many students were interviewed. L. Grimes replied that there were thirteen (13) applicants in total.

J. Carruthers stated that he was present for the interviews and added that these appointments constitute a distinguished list of students, well articulated with a willingness to work hard.

VOTE ON MOTION **11/1/0** **CARRIED**

9.0 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by: L. Grimes
Seconded by: L. Podgurny

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADJOURN **UNANIMOUS**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

G. Dubrow, Chairperson

H. Danakas, Secretary